

## TAFT TALKS AT NEGRO Y. M. C. A.

Is Introduced as America's Greatest Statesman.

### DISCUSSES RACE QUESTION

Says Colored Men Must Settle It Themselves by Industry, Thrift and Information — Believes Religious Denominations Are Becoming More Tolerant and Refers to Payment For Friars' Lands as Example. Denies Taking Part in Oregon's Senatorial Contest.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 18.—Introduced to a big audience of men, comprising the negro Y. M. C. A. of this city, as "the most popular and conspicuous citizen of the United States; America's greatest statesman; our uncrowned king, for whom we wish a successful administration and a second term," by the famous Dr. Walker, known as the "Black Spurgeon," Mr. Taft became greatly interested in discussing the Christian uplift of Y. M. C. A. work and talked for an unusually long time to his enthusiastic listeners.

Dr. Walker painted a bright present and a brighter future for the negroes of Georgia, who owned, he said, a million acres of land in the state, and paid taxes on \$20,000,000 worth of property.

This report Mr. Taft regarded as most encouraging; it gave him an illustration for his oft-expressed belief that the race question must be settled by the negroes themselves, because it is indispensable to the community. This means industry, information and thrift, acquired by constant individual effort. He dwelt at length upon the advantages of Y. M. C. A. work to bring about this condition, and illustrated his point by picturing the temptations and depression of Americans in the Philippines and the help which the association was rendering there to afford wholesome ways of entertainment for the leisure hours.

It was his belief that the Y. M. C. A. had brought about in this country more tolerance between the various religious denominations. As an example of this he made a detailed explanation of the situation this government found itself in with respect to the friar lands in the Philippines, but parenthetically remarked before proceeding: "I think a pretty good example of this tolerance is the fact that I am elected president of the United States."

Concurrence, he said, had been obtained from a body of clergymen, representing the various denominations, that no protest would be made by them when the government should take up with the pope the negotiations necessary to acquire title to these lands. The purchase, for \$7,000,000, he said had saved what would have been a bloody revolution in the Philippines, which would have cost this government millions in money and many lives.

"Forty years ago," Mr. Taft said, "it would have been impossible to have obtained this concurrence. There would have arisen among the denominations an objection to it, on the ground that it was a recognition of the Roman Catholic church, which was contrary to our traditions."

The statement is authorized from Mr. Taft that no person has authority to represent the president-elect as taking any attitude whatever regarding the senatorial situation in Oregon. The need of such a statement has been impressed upon Mr. Taft by information that his name was being used in efforts to break down the Oregon primary law.

### ATTEMPTS DARING RESCUE

Brother of Deserter Attacks Officer and Fatally Wounds Passenger.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 18.—Entering the car of an Iron Mountain train near here, in which his brother, Grant Quinn, sat handcuffed to Police Officer Burgess of this city, who was taking Quinn to Little Rock to be turned over to the military authorities as a deserter, Lee Quinn opened fire on the officer. Burgess returned the fire, and several of the passengers came to his assistance.

Quinn, after emptying his pistol, leaped from the train and escaped. During the fusillade one of the passengers, Irwan Brassfield of Mulberry, Ark., received what is believed to be a fatal wound. Burgess was uninjured and continued to Little Rock, where he placed his prisoner in the custody of the military authorities.

### Fullington O. K.'s Bills.

Columbus, O., Jan. 18.—Auditor of State Fullington has given his endorsement to the payment of the bills incurred by the Howe investigating committee in their investigation of the condition of affairs in the office of treasurer of state and auditor of state last winter. The total amount appropriated for this purpose was \$2,645.

### Six Garages Burned.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Fire destroyed six garages and between 300 and 400 automobiles. No lives were lost. The damage is estimated at \$750,000.

## REVIEW OF PAST YEAR

Nineteen Hundred and Eight Season of Sport One of Thrills.

### MANY CHANGES IN TITLES.

Baseball Held Attention of Public Until Races Were Decided—Smaller Colleges Better Able to Cope With Big Fellows in Football—Other Topics.

By THOMAS F. CLARK.

For thrilling climaxes it is doubtful if the 1908 season of sport will be equalled for many years to come. Certainly it never can be surpassed as far as baseball is concerned, as the fact that both major league pennants were decided on the last day of the season means that the extreme limit of diamond sensations has been reached.

The exciting incidents of a presidential campaign and the lay of the muck raker were of minor importance during the last six weeks of the greatest struggles in the history of the national game. Baseball was the country's business until the pennants really were decided, and nothing was allowed to interfere with the thrilling details of that business. Chicago was in the thickest of the fight all the time. Old Chi was really the axis about which the baseball world revolved. As usual, most of the glory came Chicago's way, the Cubs taking home the National league championship and then the world's title, although thousands thought New York was entitled to the banner.

The past season in football has been notable owing to the fact that the smaller colleges have made big inroads in the records of the historic winners. Harvard played brilliant football all season and won the eastern championship with a clean slate, and Chicago university gathered to itself the leadership of the west. College and university students claim that their game, football, should be crowned and garlanded as the kingpin of athletics. The American style of Rugby certainly has gained great strides in the past few years, especially since the reform rules were passed.

Although a damper was thrown on the lawn tennis enthusiasts of this country by the recent defeat of Messrs. Beals Wright and F. B. Alexander in Australia while endeavoring to wrest away the Davis cup, the season has been one of sustained interest and real class of competition. The national championship was retained by W. A. Larned. He trimmed one of his ancient rivals, Beals Wright. Nat Emerson of Cincinnati kept the western laurels and also captured the northwestern championship at Lake Minnetonka. Court tennis continued to have its inning in the east, and that young expert, Jay Gould, as usual, won whatever was worth winning in the amateur class, and George Standing easily captured the professional title in rackets from Peter Latham, the English champion.

Another season in bowling has rolled by, and the sport has continued to make a remarkable advance. Chicago claims front rank as a center of the alley game. A. Wengler of Chicago won the individual title at the Cincinnati tournament, and a Chicago pair, Harry Kiene and Jimmy Chalmers, since deceased, had the honor of taking the doubles. The five man title went to Columbus, O., the Bonds setting the excellent count of 2,927.

America added another championship to its long list when Frank Gotch downed George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," at Chicago in April. The foreigner was simply unable to combat the trained speed and brain work of the Yankee.

Fred Harlow, an outsider, is the new trap shooting champion, winning the classic title by defeating a great field in Columbus, O. The American team was victor in the Olympian games. Sergeant Brest of the United States is the national rifle champion, winning at Camp Perry, O., against a number of splendid sharpshooters. Lieutenant Sayre is the American champion with the revolver. Walter Winans, an American born man, but who now lives in London, is easily the world's champion with the revolver.

Twelve new American swimming records were established during the season of 1908. World's Champion C. M. Daniels of the New York Athletic club annexed five of the marks. Honors for the year are apportioned among Daniels, Brown, Heber and Handy of Chicago and Goessling of St. Louis.

Rowing flourished during the season of 1908, and more interest was manifested in the sport than ever in the past. The professional sculling title went to Arnot, who defeated Champion Webb at Wanganui, New Zealand, during the middle part of December. Among the college crews Harvard was the leader on performances. First the crimson took the navy into camp on the Severn in a two mile voyage. Then Cornell passed under the yoke on the Charles river, and finally the Yale oarsmen were badly defeated by their ancient and honorable rival. The intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie was captured by Syracuse, Columbia landing second. In the annual historic race between Cambridge and Oxford at Putney the former was the victor.

The American athletes captured the majority of the track and field events at the Olympic last July-August. Melvin Sheppard set two new world's records in the 800 and 1,500 meter races. Ralph Rose easily captured the shot put, John Flanagan the hammer throw. Ray Ewry the standing broad and high jumps, Irons the running broad,

### KING DINES OFFICERS

Grecian Monarch Proves Delightful Host to Americans.

Athens, Jan. 18.—King George gave a dinner at the palace to the superior officers of the American warships Missouri and Ohio. Covers were laid for 60. Informal toasts were ex-



KING GEORGE OF GREECE.

changed and the king took the opportunity to engage the officers in conversation. The conduct of the men who have been allowed ashore has been irreproachable.

### Thousands Visit Fleet.

Marseilles, Jan. 18.—Thousands of persons visited the American battleships, and the crowds were so thick on the quays that traffic was impeded. The streetcars ran a special service, and a long string of boats put their passengers on board the American vessels. The American sailors who speak French were assigned to explain and describe the various objects of interest aboard ship to the visitors.

### EXCHANGE GREETINGS

American Fleet Officers Dined on Board British Warship.

Malta, Jan. 18.—The United States battleship Illinois arrived here from Messina, where she was engaged for a brief period in relief work among the earthquake sufferers. Rear Admiral Potter, members of the squadron and captain of the battery of the Wisconsin and Captain Hutchins of the Kearsarge dined with Admiral Curzon-Howe, the commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean fleet.

After toasting King Edward and President Roosevelt, the British admiral in a brief speech welcomed the Americans to the name of the army and navy, which he said always worked cordially together. He congratulated Rear Admiral Potter on the fine appearance of the American ships after so splendidly achieving their remarkable voyage around the world.

## PROHIBITIONISTS TO KEEP UP AGITATION

Try to Pass Bill to Stop Manufacture in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—By a peculiar coincidence, the Cooper murder trial, which was caused indirectly by the prohibition question, comes up for hearing just as the fight for statewide prohibition is at its height. The red ribbon forces, by breaking the Democratic caucus, forced a statewide bill through the legislature, and it now awaits the governor's action. The prohibitionists are now trying to pass another bill prohibiting the manufacture of alcoholic, malt or vinous liquors in the state of Tennessee. The measure known as the statewide law simply prohibits the sale of liquor within four miles of any schoolhouse. The prohibitionists say if there is a spot in the state which is not within four miles of a schoolhouse they will see that a schoolhouse is built.

The bill to prohibit the manufacture of liquor in the state is being fought more bitterly than any measure ever introduced.

### POLICE BEAT SOCIALISTS

More Than Hundred Injured in Dresden Riots.

Dresden, Jan. 18.—A Socialist demonstration in behalf of electoral reform led to a serious riot, in which 20 persons were seriously and at least 100 slightly injured. Many conflicts occurred between the police and the rioters, the former eventually beating back the great crowd of Socialists, who were endeavoring to force their way to the palace of the reigning king, Friedrich August.

### Religious Test Closes.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 18.—The two weeks' effort of 1,800 young people of this city to "live as Jesus would live" came to a close with a mass meeting at the Epworth Memorial church. Experiences were related by scores of those who made the trial. The services were in charge of the Rev. W. B. Wallace, who declared that the test had been a success and indicated that Christians could live more Christlike.

### FOR CLEANER TEETH

Massachusetts Dental Society Begins Session at Boston Tonight.

Boston, Jan. 18.—In an effort to educate the public as to the necessity of keeping the mouth and teeth clean and healthy, to establish dental hygiene in schools as a part of public education, to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, to prevent pain and increase the mental and physical efficiency of school people and to establish infirmaries for the treatment of diseased conditions of the mouth and teeth, the Massachusetts state conference on oral and dental hygiene will begin a six-days' session here tonight.

The leaders of the conference declare that the importance of dental hygiene has never been understood or appreciated by the public at large. Many of them mention with approval the theory of Dr. Henry Upson, a Cleveland neurologist, who announced a few days ago his discovery that there is a direct connection between defects in dentition on the one hand and criminal instincts and nervous disorders on the other.

### Zane Descendant Dies.

Lancaster, O., Jan. 18.—Isaac Martin, an expert botanist, was found dead in bed at the home of his brother, Lucien Martin, just west of the city. He was 69 years of age and was never married. The deceased was a great-grandson of Ebenezer Zane, who in the early days was given three large tracts of land by the government for building the pike leading from Zanesville to Maysville, Ky.

## THIRTY IROQUOIS CASES SETTLED

One Company Settles at \$750 For Each Death.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—It was made public that after five years of hotly contested litigation settlements had been made in the cases of 30 of the deaths by the Iroquois theater fire. It is stated that \$750 a case is to be paid by one of the firms responsible for the construction of the theater, the prosecutions against the company in these cases having been withdrawn from court.

In one instance a man who lost his wife and three children in the fire received \$750 or each death. Many other suits against firms and individuals interested in the theater are still pending. The number of unsettled cases is estimated at 400.

### NO MORE VICTIMS DIE

Confusion at Glenwood Springs Is Gradually Straightened Out.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 18.—The confusion following upon the wreck at Dotsero is gradually being straightened out. There have been no more deaths among the injured, and more hope is entertained for the recovery of those whose condition is serious. There were 136 passengers on the train, and most of them are accounted for.

George Maham of Princeton, Ind., is missing. His wife is one of the seriously injured and in no condition to give a description. She insists that her husband and father were on the train. The father, Henry Dunn of St. Louis, has been found among the dead. The total number of dead is 20.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE IN CAPITAL TONIGHT

Methodists Celebrate Birth of Missionary Movement.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church in this city Methodist Episcopalians will celebrate with prayer and music and addresses the diamond jubilee of the beginning of the missionary movement of the church. Seventy-five years ago the church sent out its first missionary in the person of Melville B. Cox, who landed on the west coast of Africa in Liberia, and began the work that has now spread to all parts of the civilized and uncivilized world.

President Roosevelt and Vice President Fairbanks will speak at tonight's celebration. Other speakers will be Earl Cranston, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Washington, and Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop to Africa since 1896.

One purpose of the celebration is the starting of a fund to equip in better manner the stations of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa. There are six of these in different parts of the continent and the sum of \$300,000 is needed to aid in the spreading of their work. Members of the church will be asked tonight to contribute that sum in commemoration of the diamond jubilee, in addition to their regular offerings.

### Marriage Annulled.

Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 18.—In the circuit court here Judge Mason annulled the marriage of George Rhodius and Elma Dare on the ground that Rhodius was not of sound mind when the marriage took place.

### MT. STERLING NEWS.

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 18.—The trustees of the Mt. Sterling public Graded School, at a meeting held here, decided to open an additional room and employ another teacher to take charge of half of the fifth grade, which has become so large that one teacher cannot handle the pupils. There not being a vacant room in the present building a room was rented in the Groves residence, on Harrison avenue, and Miss Alice Cassidy was employed as the new teacher. She is a graduate of the graded school and is well qualified for the position. The present school building is not large enough to accommodate the pupils, the school having the largest enrollment since its organization and it is said an effort will be made to vote another bond issue here and build an addition to the main building, which is one of the largest and best public school buildings in the State.

### INSANE MAN ATTACKS JUDGE A. R. BURNAM

Sheriff Broadus Saves the Jurist From Possible Serious Injury.

RICHMOND, Ky., Jan. 18.—Bijou White, a wealthy and well-known farmer of this county, was tried here Saturday on the charge of being of unsound mind. He was pronounced insane and ordered to the Lexington asylum to which place he was taken this afternoon.

While the trial was in progress he suddenly became violent and attacked his attorney, Judge A. R. Burnam. But for the quick action of Sheriff Broadus and a number of men his attack might have resulted seriously.

Don't fail to have your picture taken at Earp's art gallery, while the reduced rates are on, January only. 1-18-c-o-d.

### Wily, Wiry Castro.

Castro abroad appears to be of as much importance as Castro in Venezuela, dictating and bluffing. While he was at home, stirring up one power after another, curiosity as to the manner of man he was became subordinate to indignation that he should be allowed to play fast and loose with treaty obligations and make a football of diplomatic dignity. He was a power in Venezuela and a maker of trouble for nations having dealings with that country. This was all the world cared to know.

Castro was not easily eliminated from Venezuelan affairs even though out of his country. Even in Caracas he had been a man of mystery. A couple of years ago he resigned his office, but when it suited him to take the helm again he simply returned to the capital and began issuing orders. Those who knew Castro best believe that his trip to Europe is simply another act in the drama he plays with consummate cleverness and almost Napoleonic audacity. Courage he undoubtedly has, for all the attempts of the powers of the world do not seem to scare him any more than one of the petty revolutions at home. A nuisance Castro certainly is, and he may be a mere poser at best, but so far he has proved himself something more than a freak.

At last the Brooklyn pastors have bestirred themselves in the "red light" crusade. But Brooklyn's one time pulpit luminary, Henry Ward Beecher, used to say that more souls get to heaven from red light houses than from some Christian churches he could name neighboring old Plymouth.

Not at all strange that the citizens of certain states which never pass a year without big floods should flood congress with petitions not to skip the appropriation for irrigating arid sections this winter.

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SEWING WANTED.—My sister and I have recently been turned out of a house, which we thought belonged to us. We are exceedingly poor but want to earn our living. We would be grateful for any sewing given to us to do, and would do it faithfully. MARY BROOMFIELD, 363 S. Main street. 1-2-31.

FOR RENT.—Cottage, with gas, water and bath. Corner N. Main street and Holly avenue. Apply to Mrs. C. E. BUSH. 1-13-3t.

FOUND.—Lady's black belt. Owner can have same by calling at News' office and paying for advertisement. 12-19-1f.

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